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CLEBURNE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.



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Home Missions,	-	-	-	A. F. ALLEN
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	H. ALLEN
Sunday School and Colportage,	-	-	-	J. C. BEAN
Indigent Ministers,	-	-	-	N. R. WILLIAMSON
Orphans' Home,	-	-	-	J. F. MORGAN
Christian Education,	-	-	-	A. A. HURST
Religious Literature,	-	-	-	W. R. HIGHTOWER
Pastorates,	-	-	-	J. C. GARNER
Prayer Meetings,	-	-	-	V. M. THACKERSON
Christian Homes,	-	-	-	J. C. MIDYETT
Temperance,	-	-	-	J. D. WALKER
Church Building,	-	-	-	W. F. JACOBS

Confession of Faith.

In order to promote greater harmony of feeling and a more perfect union of effort, We, the churches composing the Cleburne Association, subscribe to the following epitome of Scripture doctrine as our

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

We believe in the full and complete inspiration of the Bible; the eternal fatherhood of God; the absolute divinity of Jesus Christ; the real personality of the Holy Spirit; the total depravity of all men; and the just and eternal condemnation of all unbelievers.

We believe in salvation by grace alone, regeneration by the Holy Spirit as its foundation; repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ as its medium, and justification, assurance and eternal preservation as its results.

We believe in sanctification only in the imputed righteousness of Christ and that such sanctification is present and complete.

We believe in the election of grace, and that the preaching of the gospel is God's means of saving the elect.

We believe in the second coming of Christ, when the saints shall be freed from sin, and the wicked shall be punished, and that the preaching of the gospel will hasten his coming.

We believe the first day of the week is the Christian Sabbath, and that it should be religiously observed, for God's honor, the world's good and the saints' spiritual enjoyment.

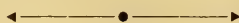
We believe that Jesus Christ established His church during His public ministry, and that from then until now there have been in the world churches modeled after that pattern; that they are independent, self-governing bodies of baptized believers, associated in covenant under the law of Christ for the praise of God, the preaching of the gospel, the maintenance of the ordinances and the edification of the saints. That their scriptural officers are pastors and deacons who are divinely called and publicly set apart to their special works.

We believe that baptism is a positive ordinance of Jesus Christ committed to scriptural churches, to be performed by authorized administrators in the name of the Holy Trinity; that it consists in an entire immersion in water, of a believer, to typify the death and resurrection of Christ, and the death to sin and resurrection to a new life of the one baptized; that it is a prerequisite to church membership and that church membership is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, an ordinance of

Christ in which, by the use of unleavened bread, and the pure juice of the grapes we call to remembrance this death of our risen Lord.

We believe that Christians should obey the laws of their country, but we also believe in the eternal divorcement of church and state, and in an untrammelled liberty of conscience.

We believe in an aggressive publication of the gospel, a life of unselfish consecration and of exemplary piety among those claiming to be the children of God.



Order of Business.



The business shall be conducted after the following order, unless otherwise ordered by vote of the body, and such change shall apply only to the annual meeting when adopted, unless rendered permanent by amendment of the by-laws of which this order of business is a part:

1. Devotional exercises, by Moderator or an appointee.
2. Reading letters from churches and enrolling messengers.
3. Reading petitionary letters and receiving new churches.
4. Election of officers for ensuing year.
5. Appointment of committees for present meeting.
6. Enrollment of representatives, corresponding messengers, and visitors.
7. Unfinished business and business of reference.
8. Report of standing committees.
9. Report of executive board, including reports of corresponding secretary and treasurer.
10. Report of committees in order named: Auditing committee, Finance committee, committee on place and preachers for next annual session.
11. Special committee's report.
12. Miscellaneous and new business.
13. Appointment of messengers, to Southern Baptist Convention, State Convention, and Corresponding associations.
14. Report of committee on resolutions.
15. Adjournment, with farewell and benediction.

Proceedings.



HEFLIN, Ala., Sept. 21, 1900.

1. The Cleburne Baptist Association met this day, 10:30 a. m., in its second annual session, with the Heflin Baptist Church. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator.

2. Reading letters from churches. Brethren A. A. Hurst, J. E. Barnard and J. C. Bean were appointed to read the same. Roll of delegates and churches appear at end of this minute.

3. Central, a new church, was received into the Association. Delegates appear in roll of delegates at end of this minute.

4. Order of business suspended and Brother J. C. Garner preached introductory sermon. Text: Cor., 15:58.

Adjourned for dinner.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.

5. The Association met promptly at 2 p. m. Brother T. A. Higdon conducted the devotional exercises.

6. The reading of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, and Articles of Faith was postponed till Saturday.

7. The rules were suspended and all the officers of the Association were re-elected.

8. Appointment of committees for present meeting to act with chairmen previously appointed. The following are the chairmen and appointments:

Associational Missions—J. B. Merrill, N. R. Williamson, D. M. Kaylor.

State Missions—J. S. Thrasher, B. T. Foster, J. C. Garner.

Home Missions—H. Allen, V. M. Thackerson, J. M. Walker.

Foreign Missions—J. C. Midyett, R. H. Roberts, J. A. Howle.

Sunday School and Colportage—A. A. Hurst, J. F. Johnson, R. H. Roberts.

Indigent Ministers—A. M. Turner, D. M. Kaylor, J. A. Howle.

Orphans' Home—W. U. Almon, J. C. Bean, J. W. Bennett.

Christian Education—V. M. Thackerson, J. C. Garner, P. G. Coleman.

Religious Literature—E. G. Barker, G. W. Roberts, J. S. Thrasher.

Pastorates—J. B. Merrill, J. W. Baber, A. J. Haley.

Prayer Meetings—J. C. Garner, J. F. Pirkle, D. M. Kaylor.

Christian Homes—J. C. Bean, W. F. Jacobs, W. D. Hood.

Temperance—J. F. Morgan, W. T. Humphries, T. J. Dewell.

Church Building—J. A. Brown, W. H. George, W. H. Murray.

Other committees were announced, as follows :

Finance—J. C. Bean, B. T. Foster, G. W. Roberts.

Auditing—J. F. Morgan, V. M. Thackerson, W. F. Jacobs.

Preaching—R. H. Roberts, J. B. Merrill, and all the delegates from Heflin church.

Place for Next Association—V. M. Thackerson, D. M. Kaylor, W. D. Hood.

Preachers for Next Association—J. B. Merrill, J. C. Bean, M. C. Buttram.

9. Correspondents were enrolled as follows : C. S. Johnson and J. E. Barnard, Calhoun County Association; W. O. Jenkins, Carey Association. Visitors were enrolled as follows : T. A. Higdon, Harmony Association, and — Penny, Cedar Creek Association.

10. On motion, the 13th item of business was taken up and disposed of as follows :

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, J. C. Bean; alternate, A. A. Hurst.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—J. B. Merrill, J. C. Garner, W. U. Almon, with authority to select their alternates.

Correspondents were selected as follows : Calhoun County Association, J. F. Morgan, A. F. Allen, A. J. Haley, W. P. Humphries, W. D. Hood, J. C. Bean; Harmony Association, V. M. Thackerson, W. F. Jacobs, D. M. Kaylor, W. H. Adair, G. W. Roberts; Arbacoochee Association, J. A. Howle; Cedar Creek Association, W. H. Adair, A. J. Haley, J. C. Bean, J. C. Garner, A. A. Hurst.

11. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. C. S. Johnson. Text : Psalms, 103 : 13 and 14.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

12. The Association convened promptly at 9 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. J. A. Scott.

13. Brother J. A. Scott was received as visitor from Calhoun County Association.

14. J. S. Thrasher submitted the following report from the committee on

STATE MISSIONS.

We find that State Missions in the mountain regions of this section of country has not received the attention it deserves; the Board, however, is doing a noble work. The Cleburne Association is an organization of recent date, but we suggest that now is the accepted time for the good work to progress in the education of the people in the mission cause. A good work the Blessed Lord did while on earth and sent His disciples into the world to do the same, and we, the Missionary Baptists, having adopted the name, and claiming to follow His precepts and line in this life, should be so consistent as to practice fully the instruc-

tions He left, by heralding the glad tidings everywhere, especially into our destitute places. We recommend that the pastors of the different churches comprising this Association touch upon the subject more frequently and more pointedly in the future than they have in the past; and may God bless the work everywhere.

J. S. THRASHER, }
B. T. FOSTER, } Com.
J. C. GARNER, }

The above report was discussed by John A. Scott, Asa F. Allen, J. C. Midyett, J. E. Barnard and C. S. Johnson. The report was adopted.

15. J. B. Merrill read the following report from the committee on

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

This is a question which has received the most careful and prayerful consideration of your committee. It is one that should engage the serious attention of every Christian in this section, and we desire to express the hope that, when this Association meets next year, the Executive Board, and the committee appointed to report on this important question, will be able to tell this Association of the erection of new churches within its territory, of old ones repaired and refitted, and the conversion and baptism of a great army for the Lord. The bare possibility of such glorious results should be a sufficient incentive to arouse every christian in the Cleburne Association to personal and individual action in this matter. If the latter could only be accomplished, the harvest would be so great that fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers would be continually shouting the praises of God for His goodness and mercy in redeeming from sin the soul of some friend, neighbor or relative. To further show the importance of prompt action in this matter we refer to the report made by your committee, at the last meeting of this body, and renew the suggestions therein contained.

J. B. MERRILL, }
D. M. KAYLOR, } Com.
N. R. WILLIAMSON, }

The above report was discussed by J. B. Merrill, after which it was adopted.

16. J. C. Midyett read the following report from the committee on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee appointed to write report on the subject of Foreign missions presents the following:

Since blessings follow obedience, and Jesus has commanded us to make disciples in all nations, we should look for great blessings on us and our work when we are zealous in Foreign Missions. A few facts will show our obligations and our profit in this field of christian labor. God has commanded it. We are the fruits of Foreign Missions. The work of giving the gospel to the heathen world was thrust upon us by the hand of providence. The doors of all nations have been opened to us and great blessings attend and rest upon our work in this ever-growing field. The Baptists furnish but one sixth of the men and but 15 per cent. of the money sent by protestant christendom to foreign field, and yet they reap one-half the converts in this productive field. In the century just past we have been increased at home over 20 fold as we

have gone thus out to a perishing world. The little we are doing and the greatness of God's favor upon that little are shown by the following figures:

The white Baptists of the South, with a membership of over a million and a half (1,608,413), gave last year for this work but \$140,000, or less than nine cents per member. Alabama, with a membership of 130,000, gave but \$7000, or about 5 1-3 cents per member, while Cleburne Association gave but an average of 3 1-3 cents to the member. The Southern Baptist Convention has missions in China, Africa, and Japan, among pagans, and in Italy, Mexico and Brazil, among the priest-ridden and benighted Roman Catholics. Our South China mission, with Canton as a center, has 9 churches and 14 out-stations, manned by 17 missionaries, 38 native helpers. 533 were baptized last year and they had at the beginning of the present rebellion 1687 members, and 265 in the Sunday school. The membership in this field gave over \$1.25 each to the work this year. The central China field, with headquarters at the city of Shanghai, has 16 missionaries and 11 native workers occupying the field, with 6 churches and 7 out-stations, a church membership of 160, with 435 in Sunday school, 12 baptisms last year. North China field, with Tung Chow as a center, has 14 missionaries and six native workers, supplying 8 churches and 15 out-stations, 452 members and 175 in Sunday school, 52 baptisms reported last year.

After a work of 55 years in this great field of a half-billion souls, we had, at the time of the Boxer uprising, 59 preaching places, 47 missionaries, 55 native workers, 2300 church members, and 875 in the Sunday school. By the rebellion in China our missions have suffered much by loss of property. Some of our missionaries have been slain, and the rest driven from the field, and many native Christians have fallen martyrs to the faith of the gospel. But let us believe and pray that out of this night of adversity may rise a day of prosperity, and that, as in other lands and other ages, "the blood of the martyrs shall be the seed of the church."

After 50 years' work in Africa we have 6 churches, 6 out-stations, 7 missionaries and 12 native helpers. 56 were baptized last year, 118 are in the Sunday school. A membership of 385 gave \$118 to the work (over 30c to the member.)

Our mission in priest-ridden Italy, under the very shadow of the Pope's home, was established in 1870 and has now 24 churches and 20 out-stations, one missionary and 20 native assistants, 257 in the Sunday school, and with a membership of 624, they had 72 baptisms and gave \$823 to the work last year.

In our sister republic Mexico, with her Romish idolatry, we have 32 churches and 39 out-stations, 10 missionaries and 20 native helpers, 428 in Sunday school and a church membership of 1232, 175 of whom were baptized last year. Our Mexican brethren gave to the work an average of 70 cents each. We have been working in this field since 1880.

In Rome cursed Brazil we have had workers since 1882. Here we have 27 churches and 45 out-stations, 19 missionaries and 19 native helpers, 650 in Sunday school and a church membership of 1922, 431 of whom were baptized last year. These converted idolators gave last year \$135 apiece to religious work.

In 1889 our mission board established a mission in Japan, which has been greatly blessed. They have one church and 9 out-stations, 8

missionaries and 7 native helpers, a membership of 75, 80 in Sunday school, 10 baptisms and \$55 in contributions last year.

Summing up these figures we see that Southern Baptists have in all their foreign work 113 churches, 155 out-stations, 94 missionaries, 133 native helpers, 2408 in Sunday school, and a church membership of 6537, whose contributions last year amounted to \$7095, or about \$1.08 per member. 1341 were baptized last year.

The needs of these fields are more workers and more money to enlarge the work. The needs of our people are more information on this subject and more consecration to the service of Him whose last command was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Our recommendations last year were that our executive board circulate among our people the Foreign Mission Journal, that our pastor and preachers inform themselves on this greatest of all questions, and that our churches give an average of ten cents per member to this work, and we cannot recommend less this year. We would urge the matter of holding mission rallies all over our Association this year, and recommend that a committee of three be appointed for this purpose, and urged to prosecute the work with all possible vigor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MIDYETT, }
R. H. ROBERTS, } Com.
J. A. HOWLE, }

Discussion of the above report was deferred till afternoon session.

17. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. E. Barnard. Text: John 3:3.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

18. The Association re-assembled promptly at 2 p. m. Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

19. Foreign Mission report was taken up and discussed by J. C. Midyett, J. A. Scott, A. F. Allen, C. S. Johnson. The report was adopted.

20. D. M. Kaylor submitted the following report from the committee on

INDIGENT MINISTERS.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Indigent Ministers, beg leave to report that, after careful inquiry, we find none within the territory of this Association.

D. M. KAYLOR, }
J. A. HOWLE. } Com.

The report was adopted.

21. By permission, J. B. Merrill offered the following resolution upon the death of Bro. J. M. Garrett:

WHEREAS, Since the last meeting of this Association, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from earth our dear brother, J. M. Garrett, who was an able Minister of the Gospel, an officer in this Association and a devoted christian, husband and father, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That, while we humbly bow to the will of God, we deeply mourn his death;

RESOLVED, That a page be set apart in the minutes of this Association, inscribed to the memory of the deceased, and that his family be furnished with a copy of the minutes.

J. B. MERRILL, }
J. C. BEAN, } Com.
M. C. BUTTRAM, }

Resolution was adopted.

22. W. U. Almon read the following report from the committee on

ORPHANS' HOME.

The Orphans' Home was established at Evergreen in January, 1893. There were twenty-two children received the first year. The property purchased consisted of an old homestead of eighty acres with a ten-room brick house and three tenant houses, at a cost of five thousand dollars. The farm has thirty acres in cultivation, thirty in pasture and twenty in woodland. Since the home has been established, 136 children, from thirty counties in the state, have been received. Two boys have been apprenticed, two boys and one girl have been discharged, 14 boys and 18 girls have been returned to their people, 15 boys and 14 girls have been adopted. It takes about ten dollars a day to support these children. Bro. J. W. Stewart, the financial secretary, is discharging his duty faithfully and well. Brethren, let us give this home our prayers and our means.

W. U. ALMON, }
J. W. BENNETT, } Com.
J. C. BEAN, }

The report was discussed by W. U. Almon and J. E. Barnard and was adopted.

23 V. M. Thackerson read the following report from the committee on

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Christian Education implies that there are more kinds of education than one, which is true. Much has been written regarding the utility of moral, mental and physical education. Education means teaching, training, instructing. We read, "He satisfieth the longing soul and filleth the hungry soul with goodness." God is goodness. He satisfieth His people with Himself. Christian Education is the satisfying of the longing of the soul. The word "educate" is derived from the Latin word "educio"—to draw out. To be a christian is to be like Christ, to be an exponent of the pure and undefiled religion that our Heavenly Master taught. He says, "Learn of me," and the voice that came from the clouds at His transfiguration said, "Hear ye Him." We read, "How shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard?" Knowledge is the foundation upon which grace rears its temple. Then to have Christian Education broadcast we should search the Scriptures, read the approved standards of religious literature of the Baptist church, organize Sabbath schools all over the country and learn what Jesus has said; be attentive to His instructions and obey His words, and we will surely advance the cause of Christian Education.

V. M. THACKERSON, }
J. C. GARNER, } Com.
P. G. COLEMAN, }

The report was adopted.

24. J. S. Thrasher submitted the following report from the committee on

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We find that some of our Baptist brethren are using Baptist literature and are reading the Alabama Baptist. We think that every member of the Baptist church should subscribe for this paper. We get from it the news of the Baptist churches, Sunday schools, ministers, missionaries and missions. We obtain a lot of information that is essential to our growth, and much that is to our advantage at home and abroad. We recommend that all Baptist Sunday schools use Baptist literature.

J. S. THRASHER, } Com.
G. W. ROBERTS, }

The report was adopted.

25. J. C. Garner submitted the following report from the committee on

PRAYER MEETINGS.

We regret to report that a very few of our churches have prayer meetings, while some have no regular meetings at all. We find that churches where prayer meetings are kept up are more prosperous and more alive to the glory of God. We urge that the churches not already conducting prayer meetings organize one at once, and let every child of God raise his voice to Him who is merciful and pray that all hindering causes may be removed from among us. By prayer Peter was released from prison.

We recommend that every pastor and every messenger of this body use all their influence and efforts for the establishment and maintenance of prayer meetings in their respective churches. Christ said, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."

J. C. GARNER, } Com.
D. M. KAYLOR, }
J. F. PIRKLE, }

The report was adopted.

26. J. F. Morgan read the following report from the committee on

TEMPERANCE.

The subject of intemperance is claiming the attention of all christian churches today to a greater extent than at any time in the past. The evil effect of intemperance throughout the entire civilized world is more plainly seen today than ever before, and thoughts of our best and wisest men and women are engaged in the agitation of temperance practices. We will not venture, in this report, to go into an enumeration of the evil effects of whisky drinking, but will state, as has been stated, that it is the direct cause of 75 per cent of all crimes committed in our country. Believing that it is the duty of every minister of the gospel to preach against the use of whiskey, we insist upon Baptist ministers not only preaching against it more than they have in the past, but urging their churches to keep their membership clean from its use. We also insist that it is the duty of the membership of the churches, when they have members who persist in the use of intoxicating liquors, to purge the church of such members.

J. F. MORGAN, } Com.
W. P. HUMPHREYS, }
T. J. DEWELL, }

The above report was discussed by J. F. Morgan, J. E. Barnard,

C. S. Johnson and Bro. Jenkins, of Carey Association. The report was adopted.

27. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. H. Allen. Text: Romans, 10: 1 and 2.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

28. The Association convened at 9 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. H. Allen.

29. On motion, all speeches on reports were limited to five minutes each, except person introducing the subject, who was limited to ten minutes.

30. A. A. Hurst read the following report from the committee on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND COLPORTAGE.

Sunday schools in our churches, we are sorry to say, are greatly neglected. This ought not to be. The Sunday school is essential to a proper growth of the church, both in numbers and spiritual life. Brethren, for the love of Christ and the spiritual training of the people in your community, please go to work and establish a Sunday school in each church of this Association. Though it takes some diligence and sacrifice, it is, nevertheless, your duty. Will the brethren and sisters of this Association continue to omit so plain and easy a duty? We sincerely trust you will not.

The work of the colporter is very useful in the dissemination or distribution of all kinds of religious literature in the homes of the people, thus serving as a missionary, spreading the gospel throughout the land, and reaching the hearts and consciences of thousands of unsaved persons, in the quiet of their own homes. Brethren, let us do our whole duty in these matters, leaving the results with God.

A. A. HURST,
J. F. JOHNSON, } Com.
R. H. ROBERTS, }

On motion, discussion and action on the above report was deferred until standing Sunday school committee reported, when both reports should be considered together.

31. J. C. Midyett read the following report from the standing committee on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee appointed last year to look after the Sunday school interests of our Association, endeavoring to be faithful stewards of that committed to us, present to you the following report of our stewardship:

We arranged for and held a Sunday school convention, at Heflin, in March, and feel that good was accomplished by it, though not many of our people attended, owing, perhaps, to the inclement weather. We held another at Edwardsville, in July, but, owing to the heated political campaigning then on hand, and continued rain, little interest was manifested, and a third convention, to be held at Hopewell, was called off before the time, on account of the busy condition of the farmers, and the lateness in the Associational year. At considerable outlay of time, labor, and money, we attempted a four weeks' bible school at Edwards-

ville in August, but owing to the lack of encouragement, we had to abandon it. We regret that we were not able to do more in this important field, but we rejoice that some progress was made and we look for much larger results in the year before us.

We recommend the appointment of another committee on the same work and the prosecution of the work along the same lines and in the same manner, with additional vigor and increased faith and prayer.

J. C. MIDYETT, }
J. C. BEAN, } Com.
R. H. ROBERTS, }

Both of the foregoing reports were adopted.

32. H. Allen submitted the following report from the committee on

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee appointed to report on Home Missions, make the following report :

Home Missions is that branch of our mission work which helps weak churches and relieves the destitution in the neglected parts of our own country, and has supervision of the great and growing work in Cuba and Porto Rico; the neglected field in our mountain districts; the vicious element in our great cities; the negroes and the indians receiving the especial attention of this board, which is located at Atlanta, Ga., and has F. H. Kerfoot for its corresponding secretary.

This board has been in active work for over half a century, and the mighty work it has done for God's cause in our beloved Southland can never be told.

Many of our strongest churches were planted and nourished by this board's missionaries, and many of our noblest workers are the fruits of its labor in the year gone by.

The Home Board has collected and expended in the past year on our home field about \$80,000, and on the Cuban work about \$10,000. About 700 missionaries have been employed. These men have baptized nearly 6000 people, preached nearly 7000 sermons, distributed 18,000 copies of God's word and 1 1-2 million pages of religious tracts, and by the management of these missionaries over 70 houses of worship have been builded, idle christians have been put to work and sleeping churches awakened.

Alabama has given to this work nearly \$7000 during the last year and has had the labors of 22 of these missionaries by whom 220 people have been baptized. We consider this a very important branch of our work and urge our brethren and churches to contribute liberally and systematically to its support.

We recommend that a committee of three be appointed to co-operate with the foreign mission committee in holding mission rallies and interesting our people in, and taking collections for this work.

Respectfully submitted by committee,

H. ALLEN,
V. M. THACKERSON,
J. W. WALKER,

After discussion by H. Allen, J. C. Midyett, J. A. Scott and A. F. Allen, the report was adopted.

33. J. C. Midvett offered the following resolution on the

RACE QUESTION.

RESOLVED, That it is the conviction of this body that the solution of Race Question in this land is the evangelization of the negroes; that they are among us and among us to stay, and that they look to us for direction in religious matters, and that it is our duty to help them all we can.

RESOLVED, That the committee on home missions be instructed to hold this year at least one mission meeting with the negroes in our bounds, and that our executive board do what seems best to them to help them to a higher christian life.

J. C. MIDYETT.

The resolution was adopted.

34. Hugh D. Merrill submitted the following

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount received last year for Foreign Missions.....	\$11 15
Home Missions.....	2 40
Orphan's Home.....	9 00
Associational Missions.....	54 10
Minutes.....	19 20
Total amount received	\$95 85
Paid to State Board Foreign and Home Missions.....	\$13 55
Orphan's Home through Heflin church	9 00
for printing and distribution of Minutes.....	19 20
Total amount paid out	\$41 75
Amount on hand for Associational Missions	\$54 10

J. F. Morgan read the following report from the

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

On examination of the accounts of the treasurer, we find the above report to be correct.

J. F. MORGAN,
W. F. JACOBS,
V. M. THACKERSON, } Com.

The reports were adopted.

35. J. C. Bean submitted the following report from the committee on

FINANCE.

Amount received for Foreign Missions	\$17 50
Home Missions	60
Associational Missions	28 45
Undirected Missions	12 50
Orphan's Home.....	5 21
Minutes.....	19 15
Total amount received	\$83 31

36. J. B. Merrill offered the following report :

RESOLVED, That the Moderator of this Association is hereby requested to appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to report, at the next session of this body, such changes, if in their judgment any are needed, to the present Constitution, By-Laws, and Articles of Faith of this Association, and to suggest such new by-laws as to them may seem necessary ; and the report of this committee shall be the first matter of business in order at the next session of this body after the organization of the same.

The resolution was adopted.

37. V. M. Thackerson offered the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That any member of this Association who shall be present at any of the associations corresponding with this, are hereby authorized to offer themselves as correspondents from this Association.

The resolution was adopted.

38. On motion, the messengers of the churches failing to elect a member of the Executive Board were authorized to select a member of said board from their respective churches. The following is the

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Ai, J. A. J. Alewine ; Beulah, J. M. Gladden ; Bethsaida, J. W. Walker ; Bethlehem, W. P. Humphries ; Bethany, J. T. Thrower ; Cherry Grove, F. M. Taylor ; Camp Creek, G. W. Roberts ; Concord, A. M. Turner ; Edwardsville, Jourd White ; Fruithurst, W. H. Adair ; Harmony Grove, J. W. Bennett ; Heflin, J. F. Morgan ; Howles (rove, W. E. Matthews ; Hopewell, D. M. Kaylor ; Liberty, H. Allen ; Liberty Hill, J. A. Howle ; Pine Grove, J. A. Brown ; Pilgrims Rest, W. H. George ; Shoal Creek, B. A. Cheatwood ; Central, J. W. Thompson.

39. On motion, the clerk was instructed to have 800 copies of minutes printed.

40. On motion, the Association voted to pay the clerk \$10 for his services.

41. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. Geo. D. Harris. Text, John 12:32.

THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session.

42. The Association convened at 2 o'clock p. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. U. Almon.

43. The Moderator announced the following chairmen of

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Associational Missions, J. B. Merrill ; State Missions, W. U. Almon ; Home Missions, A. F. Allen ; Foreign Missions, H. Allen ; Sunday School and Colportage, J. C. Bean ; Indigent Ministers, N. R. Williamson ; Orphan's Home, J. F. Morgan ; Christian Education, A. A. Hurst ; Religious Literature, W. R. Hightower ; Pastorates, J. C. Garner ; Prayer Meetings, V. M. Thackerson ; Christian Homes, J. C. Midyett ; Temperance, J. D. Walker ; Church Building, W. F. Jacobs.

44. In pursuance of the recommendation of the committee on Foreign Missions, the Moderator appointed the following committee to hold

MISSIONARY RALLIES.

J. C. Midyett, H. Allen and J. C. Garner.

45. The Moderator appointed the following standing committee on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

J. C. Midyett, J. C. Bean, J. A. Brown, A. M. Turner, R. H. Roberts.

46. The following committee was appointed to report at the next session on

BY-LAWS, CONSTITUTION AND CONFESSION OF FAITH.

J. C. Midyett, W. U. Almon and J. C. Garner.

47. The following report was submitted by the committee on

CHURCH BUILDING.

Your committee regrets to report that a large number of the churches within this Association are badly in need of such repairs as will render them comfortable for use during the winter season. We recommend that such repairs be made as early as practicable. We further recommend to the Executive Board that such steps be taken as will insure the building of a nice, commodious Baptist church at Fruit-hurst.

A. J. HALEY,
G. W. ROBERTS, } Com.

The report was adopted.

48. On motion, the Treasurer was directed to send \$2.50 of the undirected mission money to Foreign Mission Board and send the remainder of such money to the Orphan's Home.

49. The following committee on Home Missions to co-operate with the Foreign Mission committee, was appointed: W. U. Almon, N. R. Williamson and — Butler.

50. The following resolution was offered and adopted:

RESOLVED, That the committee on selecting preachers for the next session of this Association be granted further time in which to make their report, and that they are requested to arrange with able ministers to preach the sermons provided for in the By-Laws of this Association.

The report was adopted.

51. V. M. Thackerson read the following report from the committee on place for holding next Association:

Your committee reports that the next Association be held with Concord church.

V. M. THACKERSON,
D. M. KAYLOR,
W. D. HOOD, } Com.

52. J. B. Merrill offered the following resolution, which was adopted by unanimous vote :

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the people of Heflin for their kind hospitality and excellent entertainment of body during its present session.

Adjourned to meet with Concord Baptist church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1901. Prayer by Rev. Asa F. Allen.

T. J. BURTON, Moderator,
HUGH D. MERRILL, Clerk.



STATISTICS OF CLEBURNE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1900.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	ADDRESS.	CLERKS.	ADDRESS.	Sabbath of Meeting.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentates.	Baptized.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Present Membership.
Ai	J. C. Garner.	Bell Mills	J. A. Alewine	Bell Mills	3	1	1	1	2	4			64
Bethany	F. M. Zaner	Chulafinne	G. W. Thrower	Chulafinne	1	1				7			27
Bethlehem	A. F. Allen	De Armanville	Wm. Moore	Oxford	2			2	3				123
Bethsaida	W. J. Campbell	Beltown	Plasco Walker	Fruithurst	2		1	1	5		1		40
Beulah	N. R. Williamson	Rosewood	E. A. McElroy	Rosewood	1	1				3		1	44
Camp Creek	T. A. Higdon	Tallapoosa, Ga.	G. W. Roberts	Oak Level	4			5	2		5		142
*Central	B. F. Butler	Lecta	J. W. Skinner					4					18
Cherry Grove	G. B. Boman	Esom Hill, Ga.	V. M. Thackerson	Esom Hill, Ga.	2				7	10	2	3	56
Concord	Not reported												
Edwardsville	Geo. D. Harris	Piedmont	Hugh D. Merrill	Edwardsville	4	1		14		2		1	100
Fruithurst	P. T. Pritchard	Edwardsville	P. R. D. Williamson	Fruithurst	4		2						27
Harmony Grove	J. W. Newborn	Edwardsville	J. W. Bennett	Edwardsville	2	1		1					31
Heflin	A. Scott	Heflin	J. C. Bean	Heflin	1	1		6	2	1			75
Hopewell	A. Willingham	Lecta	C. M. Williamson	Lecta	3	1	1	3	6	13		1	145
Howles Grove	Not reported												
Liberty	J. C. Garner	Bell Mills	A. F. Thompson	Bell Mills	2					7		1	37
Liberty Hill	J. C. Garner	Bell Mills	E. P. Pesnell	Bell Mills	1	1		2			1	1	45
Pilgrims Rest	B. A. Cheatwood	Shoal Creek	Jesse Stevenson	Edwardsville									42
Pine Grove	D. W. Kight	Ranburne	J. A. Brown	Bell Mills							12		84
Shoal Creek	P. T. Pritchard	Edwardsville	T. H. Murray	Shoal Creek	4	1			10				96
Union Grove	W. J. Newborn	Edwardsville	W. J. Dewell	Edwardsville	3	1			2	1			20
TOTALS					11	5	22	44	1	72	10	8	1235

*New Church.

CHURCHES.	Orphan's Home.	For Missions.	For Minutes.	Value of Church Property	Sunday Schools.	Pupils Enrolled.	SUPERINTENDENT.	ADDRESS.
Al.....			\$ 1 00	\$ 100 00				
Bethany.....			75					
Bethlehem.....	\$ 5 11	\$ 1 00	1 50					
Bethsaida.....		1 00	50	200 00				
Beulah.....			75					
Camp Creek.....			1 10	300 00	1	70	R. H. Roberts	Oak Level, Ala.
Central.....		1 00	50					
Cherry Grove.....			75	150 00				
Concord.....			1 00	400 00				
Edwardsville.....		21 85	2 00	1000 00	1	93	J. B. Merrill	Edwardsville, Ala.
Fruithurst.....			40	500 00				
Harmony Grove.....			40					
Heflin.....		12 00	2 00		1	50	J. C. Bean	Heflin, Ala.
Hopewell.....		3 00	1 50					
Howles Grove.....			75					
Liberty.....			75	200 00				
Liberty Hill.....			65	200 00				
Pilgrims Rest.....		1 00	75					
Pine Grove.....			1 50	300 00				
Shoal Creek.....			50					
Union Grove.....			50	100 00				
Totals.....	\$ 5 11	\$ 40 85	\$ 19 55	\$ 3700 00	3	213		

Roll of Delegates.



AI—W. E. Garner, W. A. White, J. C. Garner, A. J. Alewine.

BETHANY—J. T. Thrower, H. Phillips, G. W. Thrower.

BETHLEHEM—Wm. Moore, Lawrence Parnell, W. P. Humphreys,
W. D. Hood, A. F. Allen.

BETHSAIDA—J. M. Walker, P. G. Coleman.

BEULAH—N. R. Williamson, G. N. Gladden.

CAMP CREEK—G. W. Roberts, R. H. Roberts, M. C. Buttram,
R. S. Zimmerman.

CENTRAL—J. W. F. Brown, J. W. Skinner, J. W. Sutherland.

CHERRY GROVE—V. M. Thackerson, H. C. Henderson, F. M.
Taylor.

CONCORD—M. W. Dodd.

EDWARDSVILLE—T. J. Burton, J. C. Midyett, J. B. Merrill, B.
T. Foster, H. D. Merrill.

FRUITHURST—W. H. Adair.

HARMONY GROVE—J. W. Baber, J. W. Bennett.

HEFLIN—J. C. Bean, J. F. Morgan, J. N. Harris, A. J. Haley.

HOPEWELL—W. F. Jacobs, T. H. Martin, E. J. Kaylor, C. F.
McGriff, J. F. Thrasher, W. C. Prestridge, D. M. Kaylor.

HOWLES GROVE—W. E. Matthews.

LIBERTY—J. A. Thompson, J. F. Pirkle.

LIBERTY HILL—J. A. Howle, W. J. Davis.

PINE GROVE—V. A. Cook, J. A. Brown, A. C. Thompson, J. D.
Walker.

PILGRIMS REST—W. H. George, W. R. Abner, C. K. Harper.

SHOAL CREEK—J. R. Banister, F. M. Coleman, W. W. Johnson,
W. H. Murray.

UNION GROVE—J. F. Johnson, T. J. Dewell.

The above includes those present and those received by the Association as delegates.

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